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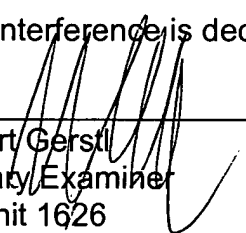
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The count of the interference is claim 1 of Schinzer, P.N. 6156905.

Claims 2-6 of Schinzer do not correspond to the count because they lack the macrocyclic ring.

Claim 17 of Reichenbach is of exactly the same scope as the count.

Claims 1 and 2 of Reichenbach differ from the count in that they are limited to R is hydrogen.

Claims 3 and 4 of Reichenbach differ from the count in that they are limited to R is methyl.

Claims 15 and 16 of Reichenbach are not directed to compounds but to methods of use and compositions and do not read on the count. Schinzer teaches the compounds as intermediates.

Claims 5-14 of Reichenbach are directed to patentably distinct inventions which do not have the core of the compounds of the count.